## FURTHER. HSAS The Past, Present, and Future

# The HSA is born in 2003

A shaky start - consumers didn't understand.



But then.....



- Employers account for **42%** of new accounts in 2018
- **32%** of all HSA dollars in accounts are contributed by employers

#### Are you taking advantage of the momentum? Why should you, the broker, care?

- Viewed as a thought leader
- Added value to client, cementing relationships
- Higher client retention
- Enhance your existing offering
- Win more business

- Individually owned account that works with a HSA-qualified health plan
- Allows account holder to set aside a portion of pretax payroll
- No taxes on money contributed
- No taxes on money taken out to pay for qualified medical expenses
- Interest earned is tax-free
- No "use it or lose it;" unused money rolls to next year
- Account stays with account holder, even if they change jobs or retire





#### **Employer advantages**

- Lower premiums
- Payroll tax savings (provided there are contributions)



#### HSA Broker Tip:

 Encourage the use health consumer tools, like telehealth and direct-to-consumer

#### Enhanced benefit offering

prescriptions; less expensive, high-value alternatives.

#### HSA Broker Tip:

 Encourage discussing cost of care with doctor and requesting samples before filling drug prescriptions.

#### **Employee advantages**

- Pre-tax savings, no tax on interest or eligible spending
- Lower premiums
- Stays with employee for life
- Grows with investments
- After 65, no penalties for nonmedical expenses

#### Keys to HSA Adoption Success -Employers

- Offer fewer plans
- Host active open enrollment
- Communicate all year long
- Educate, Educate, Educate
- Employer funding/contributions
- Partner with an administrator with low fees

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#### HSA Broker Tip:

 Make information available early in the process and throughout the year



#### Keys to HSA Usage Success -Employers

Encourage employees to:

- Contribute
- Plan for health care costs
- Talk with their doctor or provider about less expensive care options
- Use consumerism and decision support tools



## Pending legislation could:





Increase contribution limits



Expand qualified expenses



# Want to know more?



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